

Mobile Home Parks: Last Inspection

OVERVIEW

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General Description:

An overarching goal of the New York State Department of Health (DOH) is to protect the public's health. Assuring that mobile home parks are operated in a manner that eliminates hazards through design and management, resulting in a decreased incidence of illness, injury, and death in these communities, helps achieve this goal. Part 17 of the New York State Code of Rules and Regulations advances this goal by implementing design and operation standards for mobile home parks. County health departments permit mobile home parks operating in New York State (NYS) and perform periodic inspections to ensure that compliance with Part 17 is maintained. DOH District Offices permit and inspect mobile home parks located in twenty-one counties that lack a full-service county health department.

The data in Health Data NY includes active mobile home parks as defined by Part 17 (i.e., accommodations for the placement of five or more mobile or manufactured homes) in operation on the date the data was downloaded from a DOH database. The data set displays each mobile home park's facility name (i.e., park name) and location. The mobile home park location includes the street address, city, state, zip code, municipality, and county. The dataset includes each mobile home park's owner-operator, the number of sites within the park, and whether a pool or beach is operated as part of the mobile home park. Additionally, the data includes the date of the last inspection and violations of Part 17 that were identified at the time of that inspection.

Researchers agree to use the data for statistical reporting and analysis only. The author must include a disclaimer stating that any analyses, interpretations, or conclusions were reached by the researcher and not the New York State Department of Health.

Data Methodology:

Each mobile home park is entered into a DOH electronic database by the permitting county health department or DOH District Office. Parks are inspected at least once per permit cycle. Additional inspections may be performed based on complaints, incidents, as well as an operator's history of compliance. Data is collected by trained inspection staff. Violations of Part 17 identified during inspections are documented using standardized forms. Critical violations relate to conditions that could directly result in illness, injury, or death. Non-critical violations relate to unsafe or unsanitary park maintenance conditions. Inspection data and any changes in operation are entered into the electronic database in a consistent and ongoing basis to maintain accuracy and completeness. The dataset on Health Data NY is updated annually.

Limitations of Use:

All active, documented mobile home parks are included in the associated data tables and lists. Individual local departments of health may provide this information on their own websites, which may be updated more frequently. More detailed information may be obtained directly from county health departments or DOH through the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) process.

As previously stated, the data included in Health Data NY is updated annually. Requests for more current or more detailed information should be directed to the county health department or DOH District Office which directly regulate the facilities in question.